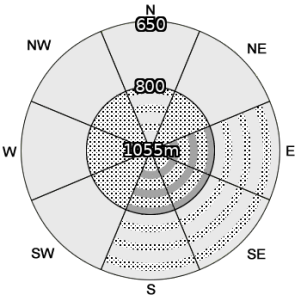


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 15/01/2016 TO 18:00HRS Sat 16/01/2016



Hazard Level	Avalanche Probability
Very High	Natural and human triggered avalanches will occur. Numerous very large, often extremely large natural avalanches can be expected.
High	Natural and human triggered avalanches will occur. In some cases, numerous large, often very large sized natural avalanches can be expected.
Considerable	Natural and human triggered avalanches possible, in some cases large, in isolated cases very large sized natural avalanches are possible.
Moderate	Very large sized natural avalanches are unlikely. Human triggering possible in indicated steep places.
Low	Only small and medium sized natural avalanches are possible. Human triggering possible in steep, extreme terrain.

Forecast Weather Influences

Generally fine, with the occasional light snow shower mainly later in the day. Winds light initially from the South-East, freshening later and backing East-South-East. Remaining cold with the freezing level maintained at 350 metres throughout the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Insignificant amounts of fresh snow is expected. However, there will be minor redistribution of existing snow at higher levels onto South-West aspects initially and North West aspects later. Weaknesses will be present in localised areas of windslab found mainly on East through South to West aspects above 800 metres. Steep corrie rims and gully tops will be most affected. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 15/01/2016

Observed Weather Influences

Slow moving light snow showers, some prolonged at midday, on a generally light Northerly wind. A few breaks in the cloud between showers. Freezing level around 600 metres although snow down to 200 metres in the showers.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Fresh snow accumulations on most aspects, although amounts are small. Localised areas of windslab displaying weaknesses in the surface layers, found mainly on East to South aspects above 800 metres. Cornices are building above steep slopes on similar aspects and altitude. The avalanche hazard is Considerable

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Snow remains at all altitudes - sometimes hard going on foot through deep drifts above 600m. Generally good visibility, poor in the showers. Winds approx 10mph or less.
Comments	Although the mountains look very wintry with snow cover to a low level, there is still generally a less than average amount. Localised deeper drifts, with significant areas of windslab at higher levels. Cornices continue to develop.